IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshiyuki HOJO

Application No.: Currently unknown

Filing or 371(c) Date: Concurrently herewith

Title: CURRENT DIRECTION DETECTION CIRCUIT AND SWITCHING REGULATOR

HAVING THE SAME

International Application No.:

PCT/JP2005/002270

International Filing Date: February 15, 2005

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION/REQUEST TO CHARGE PAYMENT OF FEES

Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner to treat any correspondence requiring a petition for extension of time as containing such a request therefor for the appropriate length of time. This general authorization is effective during the pendency of this application, including any division or continuing application therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 18, 2006

/Christopher A. Bennett #46,710/ Attorneys for Applicant

Joseph R. Keating Registration No. 37,368

Christopher A. Bennett Registration No. 46,710

KEATING & BENNETT, LLP

8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 850 Tyson's Corner, VA 22102 Telephone: (703) 637-1480

Facsimile: (703) 637-1499